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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6341

BILL NUMBER: HB 1025

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 8, 2012

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Joint Legal Custody.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Pond

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: No Fiscal Impact

Summary of Legislation: This bill establishes a rebuttable presumption that an award of joint legal custody is in the best interest of the child. The bill requires a court, if a party seeks to rebut the presumption, to consider: (1) the fitness and suitability of each of the persons who would be awarded joint legal custody; (2) the ability of the persons who would be awarded joint legal custody to communicate and cooperate in advancing the child's welfare; and (3) whether the child has established a close and beneficial relationship with both of the persons who would be awarded joint legal custody. The bill also repeals certain provisions governing the award of joint legal custody that are being superseded by this bill.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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